

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the enclosed FIGS. 1 and 2 for the FIGS. 1 and 2 on file. No new matter has been added.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments, and the following remarks. Claims 1, 2 and 5-6 are in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of claims 3 and 4, now canceled. The specification and drawings have been amended. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner objected to the drawings, stating that the "cutting work method" is not shown. Applicant has amended claim 1 to eliminate the description of the term "cutting work method".

The Examiner stated that it was unclear whether the weld flash is removed from FIG. 2. Applicant submits that FIG. 2 is the finished piston, and the weld flash has been removed. The Examiner also objected to the quality of FIG. 2. Applicant submits a new FIG. 2 as a line drawing.

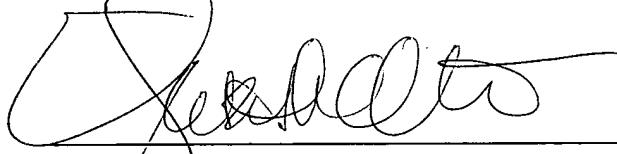
The Examiner objected to claim 2, stating that it was unclear. Applicant has amended claim 2 to clarify that the armoring ring is placed on each of the pistons and welded accordingly.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 6 as being unpatentable over the Admitted Prior Art, Tanizawa et al. in view of Kato et al. The Examiner stated that claims 4 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the elements of claims 3 and 4, now canceled.

Applicant submits that amended claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 are patentable over the cited references, taken either singly or in combination. Early allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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